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BOARD AWARDS \$16.8 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

The Board of Supervisors has allocated \$16.8 million in additional funds toward the construction of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center, increasing the total budget to \$167 million. Although the action taken by the Board is for the installation of standard hospital equipment, such as surgical lights, surgical integrated camera systems, and scrub sinks, it is also a noteworthy benchmark as the new hospital moves closer to completion.

"We are committed to proving the community with a top of the line facility with cutting edge technology," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "The vote today elevates the progress of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus to fulfill its promise of providing the best possible health care to its patients."

Last October, the Board awarded McCarthy Building Companies a design-build agreement to construct the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center. Part of the contract called for the identification of equipment needs by taking inventory of the existing equipment that can be fixed or reused and installing the equipment that is required to be installed during construction.

The Chief Executive Officer, the Department of Health Services, and the Department of Pubic Works determined that roughly \$5.7 million in medical equipment can be reused

and that the new Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center will require \$34.9 million of new equipment, requiring the Board to increase the budget by \$16.8 million.

Estimated to be completed in late 2013, the new four-level Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center building will accommodate an ambulatory surgery center, clinical services such as a pharmacy, walk-in clinic, outpatient imaging, and various outpatient clinics currently operating in the existing Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center.

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